

## **AU schedules third carillon concert in summer series**

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Alfred University's summer carillon recital series continues on Tuesday, July 20, with Lee Cobb, organist, choirmaster, and carillonist from the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Clearwater, FL. The program begins at 7 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Carillon on campus. Admission is free and the performance will go on rain or shine. Guests may sit on the lawn adjacent to the carillon. Feel free to bring along chairs and blankets to enhance your listening pleasure. Cobb's program will include "Sonata Allegro" by Manuel De Nebra; "Rondo" by Bach; a selection of Songs from Opera; a selection of Hymns; "Cityscape" arrangements; a selection of Folk Songs, including "The Happy Wanderer;" and "The Weeping Willow" by Scot Joplin. Cobb, a native of Atlanta, GA, attended the University of Georgia as a music scholarship recipient. In 1989, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in organ performance from Indiana University. While there, Cobb performed on the 11-bell McShane Chime on the historic campus and became acquainted with the carillon. In 2003, Cobb received the master of music in organ performance from the University of Florida where he held assistantships in both carillon and organ. In 2004, Cobb passed his advancement examination with the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America (GCNA). From 2005-08, Cobb was the assistant carillonist and librarian at Book Tower in Lake Wales, FL, where he played daily carillon recitals and maintained the Anton Brees Carillon Library. In 2006, Cobb was awarded second prize honors in the Johan Franco Carillon Composition Competition sponsored by the GCNA for his Sonata for Carillon. Until 2009, he was parish musician at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Wales. Most recently, Cobb was appointed organist/choirmaster/carillonist of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Clearwater, FL. He has toured extensively throughout the United States and the Netherlands as a carillon recitalist. A commissioned and published composer, Cobb has many carillon, choral, and organ compositions to his credit. Cobb's "Suite for Carillon" and "Valse Capriccio" are available through American Carillon Music Editions. The last program for Alfred University's Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series 2010 will be on Tuesday, July 27 at 7 p.m., featuring John Lehrer, carillonist member of the Guild of Carillonneurs of North America. The series honors Dr. Ray Winthrop Wingate (1886-1968), who was a professor of music at Alfred University for 56 years. After the installation of the bells in 1937, he was appointed the University carillonist and continued in the position until his death. He arranged more than 5,000 selections for the carillon and composed nine suites. The Margaret Merrill and Ray W. Wingate Memorial Carillon Foundation funds the series. The carillon at Alfred University is made of a double row of rounded oak levers, called batons (which are struck with loosely clenched fists), with a pedal board (octave and a fifth). The ground floor display by the carillon has information on its history. Guests are welcome to climb the 69 step